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DIDSBURY





PHOTO HEADING - "Stellar" said Didsbury Car Club vice president Dana Munn of the annuial Shine & Shine May 7 that attracted nearly 900 entries and an estimated 6,000 visitors. World aerial stunt cyclist Billy Kohut from Didsbury flies through the air behind his motorcycle during the freestyle motocross demonstration and show.

Fort McMurray We are citizens

BY FRANK DABBS

MVP Staff

The distance from Didsbury to Fort McMurray is 680 kilometres enough away to be out of mind in ordinary times

Didsbury is in aspen parkland bordering on the Rocky Mountain foothills. Fort McMurray is in boreal for-est bordering on the Canadian Shield. We are as different as Prince Edward Island is different from Vancouver Island or Baffin Island.

However in May 2016 we are a hand span and a heartbeat apart, citizens of the same community.

"Apocalypse," said Arnett & Burgess Pipeliners safety advisor Chris Tronsgard, describing the wildfire he saw along the road as he evacu-ated Fort McMurray for his home in Didsbury on the night of May 3. On May 4 he was back in Didsbury

and the next morning, he decided to go back with his pickup filled with emer-gency supplies to help other evacuees.

Tronsgard dropped by Tara Oilfield and asked to borrow a forklift so that he could lift his slip tank into the bed of his truck.

Instead, Tara president Marty Sheridan offered Tronsgard one of

Tara's slip tanks full of fuel. Sheridan quickly decided to do more, said Tronsgard. Within an hour, the Tara team loaded two seacan units onto a flatbed.

Then 10 of his employees went shop-ping at AG Foods for groceries and supplies including cold meat, fruit, cereal, paper plates, diapers, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products and bags of ice to keep the meat cool.

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Didsbury Firefighters in Fort McMurray



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Tara Oilfield Services president Marty Sheridan and Arnett & Burgess Pipelines safety advisor Chris Tronsgard as they prepare to leave for the Fort McMurray evacuation centre at Lac La Biche May 5 with two seacan containers and a pickup truck of emergency food, supplies and fuel.

The money to pay came from Tara's account. AG Foods kicked in cash.

As the Tara crew went through the grocery checkouts other customers asked what was going on. When they were told, they too donated to the cause - more than \$700.

The Tara flatbed driven by Sherdian, accompanied by Tronsgard in his fuelladen pickup truck stopped at No Frills in Olds to fill the second seacan. They went on to the intended destination of the evacuation centre in Lac La Biche.

At the time of this writing, Fort McMurray's wildfire had engulfed 100,000 hectares and a pillar of smoke billowed several hundred feet high.

Six of Didsbury's first responders four firefighters and two RCMP officers were on the front lines with the small army of trained firefighters and police who are saving lives and working 24-7 in the fading hope of containing the blaze before it destroys the city

Const. Michael Dillon and Cpl. Clint Audette from the Didsbury RCMP detachment patrol the empty streets of

the fire-filled town or escort evacuee vehicles through the flames.

Firefighters Allison Lesway, Lorne Code, Braydon Snyder and Peter Klanten work until they fall on the grass by the road and sleep

The chief of the Didsbury Fire Department, Craig Martin, struggled with the decision of who should rotate into Fort McMurray for them when they come out for a break because he has many more volunteers than slots

on the roster to fill.

Juan Manigault of the Zion church prays for his Fort McMurray friends and the friends of his friends

Darrel Janzen, an electrician with FMR Mechanical Electric working on the Suncor Fort Hills tank farm, commutes to his job on a 14 days on, ven days off rotation. He was at the Calgary airport May 3 waiting for his flight up when word came that the

flight up when word came un-wildfire evacuations had begun. He said May 5 in a Didsbury Discussion Topics Facebook page exchange for the Review, "I won't exchange for the Review, know for some time whether there is a job to return to. People are more concerned with survival, not business.

'I don't know if the FMR office is still standing," he said in an interview May 6 The office is in a location in Fort McMurray that is in a fire zone on

"My immediate su evacuated to St. Albert who to call or where. affected the power grid and th who run operation are evacuated

Some coworkers describe ti inferno as worse that what the media reported," said Janzen.

He has been working in the oilsands for 10 years, living in a camp. "This wildfire affects people from all over Canada who commute to jobs.

"The evacuation involves a huge number of people. Imagine evacuating a camp with a population of Didsbury.

It comes as no surprise to Janzen that, except for a fatal automobile crash near Lac La Biche May 5, the evacuation of tens of thousands of people has been undertaken without serious physical injury.

"This is the safest industry I've ever worked in. The people are trained to put safety first.

Darcy Torchia said, "I just drove through there. Crazy stuff. Glad to be home safe and sound.

Not sure how long I'll be off for.

We've been put on 'on call' status."

Cary Beaton Funk summed up the situation, "some Didsbury residents and friends are out of work because of the fire. Things were already slow economically and this will make things difficult again.

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Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF DIDSBURY PROPOSED BYLAW

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Didsbury in the Province of Alberta has given first reading to Bylaw 2016-08 "Land Use Bylaw Redesigna

Bylaw 2016-08 "Land Use Bylaw Redesignation"

A Bylaw of the Town of Didsbury, to amend Land Use Bylaw 2013-03 for the parcel of land described as:

> Legal: Lot Block Block 1 Plan 9112532

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be amended from UR - Urban Reserve to R4 - Residential - Large Lot

Prior to being reviewed for second and third readings, a public hearing has been scheduled for this Bylaw on May 24, 2016 at 6:00 pm. The location of this public hearing will be at the Town of Didsbury Council Chambers (2037 19 Avenue).

The public may view a copy of the proposed Bylaw at the Town of Didsbury Municipal Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue, during regular office hours 8:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. A copy of the proposed Bylaw will also be published on the Town of Didsbury website www.didsburv.ca.

Date of first publication of this notice: May 10, 2016

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Manager of Legislative and Development Services

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The historic Imperial Keighley stationary engine at the Upper Seine gold mine site in Sawbill Bay near the village of Sapawe north of Thunder Bay in Northern Ontario, before it was dismantled and the parts moved to Didsbury to be restored.



Bill Merseneau (left) and Lynn Tessier survey the cylinders and flywheel of the historic Imperial Keighley stationary engine at the Sawbill - Upper Seine gold mine near Sapawe north of Thunder Bay in Northern Ontario, before it was dismantled and the parts moved to Didsbury to be restored.

A gentle madness

Historic engine to be restored here

BY FRANK DABBS MVP Staff

Lynn Tessier's latest piece of industrial history is,

as they say, stranger than fiction. In pieces on pallets and shelves at Advantage Products in the east Didsbury industrial park are the parts of a 60,000-pound (27,215 kilogram) Imperial Keighley stationary engine manufactured more that 90 years ago.

It was shipped from England across the Atlantic Ocean to the United States in the mid-1920s. It was hauled hither and yon across North America to power, possibly, an American cotton mill, then to an Ontario gold mine.

In 2013, two of Tessier's friends found it in the bush and last August he extracted it from the bush and moved it to Didsbury for restoration.

In about five years it will grind souvenir gravel from rock for visitors to the Central Alberta Antique and Model Club grounds in Leslievillle, east of Rocky Mountain House

"I am mad about this stuff," Tessier said to answer question, "why do you do this?"

It is a gentle madness and an interest fortunately shared by his wife Rhonda.

She travelled with him last summer to a remote

northern Ontario abandoned gold mine to dismantle the engine, along with Lynn's brother Adrian and friends Bill Merseneau from Ontario and Ron Johnson from Exshaw, Alta.

The story, as Tessier has pieced it together, starts the West Yorkshire industrial village of Keighley. In 1914 as oil replaced coal as the premier industrial fuel, the Keighley Gas and Oil Engine Company located in the Imperial Works began to manufacture

vertical and horizontal stationary industrial engines. Imperial Keighley engines burned semi-refined or esidual fuel oil. Over the 20 years that it operated, the Keighley Gas and Oil Engine Company made bigger and more powerful engines.

In 1919 the company's most popular model produced about nine horsepower, and the two- and four-cylinder motors that the Keighley Gas and Oil Engine ompany manufactured in the 1920s produced from 100 to 480 horsepower.

Tessier's engine is a 200 to 220 horsepower twocylinder behemoth weighing 30 tons. It was manufactured from 1922 to 1924 according to its serial number.

The machine was exported to New York, and shipped by rail to a cotton mill somewhere in the southern United States - the trail is murky according to Tessier.

The Keighley Gas and Engine Company went bankrupt in 1928 on the threshold of the Great Depression.

And as the cotton industry succumbed to hard times, the machine came into the hands of a Toronto Keighley dealer who sold it second hand in 1937 to the Upper Seine mine, 27 kilometres northeast of the northern Ontario town of Antikokan near Thunder Bay. Gold had been discovered in Sawbill Bay in 1898 and mined using muscle and sweat; now there was an opportunity to mechanize the operation.

The stationary engine winched the ore from the mine face, transferred it from the draw works to the refining mill and ran an electrical power generator for general use around the mine.

The engine's crankshaft broke at one point in the mining operation and was never properly repaired. The mine closed in 1941 and all the equipment removed except for the stationary engine. It was

exposed to the elements for 70 years. In 2013, two of Adrian Tessier's friends on a canoe trip rediscovered the engine

Tessier started planning the extraction and restoration of the machine.

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Oilfield manufacturer Lynn Tessier with the flywheel of the historic Imperial Keighley stationary engine he and his friends dismantled and moved this winter from the Sawbill - Upper Seine gold mine near the town of Sapawe north of Thunder Bay, Ont. to Didsbury. The 30-ton behemoth will be restored and housed permanently at the Central Alberta Antique and Model Club at Leslieville. The restoration will take five years at a cost of \$105,000 including the moving expenses.



Imperial Keighley engine to go to Leslie

From Page 3

This is a very rare Imperial Keighley. I have not found another one of this size in Canada and there may not be another in North America," he said. He went to the site in March of 2015.

crankshaft was broken.

components had disappeared, perhaps

looted. All other parts were corroded. However Tessier judged that the engine could be made operational again

In August 2016, the machine team

accommodate heavy equipment, dis assembled the machine and hauled it on flatbeds to Didsbury. "We had adventures to accomplish this and it cost \$20,000, but we succeeded, Tessier said.

It will take the next five years to

project will cost an estimated \$105,000 Financial partners would be welcome

A permanent building to house it will be constructed at Leslieville and it will be put on public display.



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Al Hussein family – father Hatem, mother Hayat, nd their children Mariam, 12, Mothana, 8, twins Nasayem, and Jawaher, 6, Dabbah, 5, Ahmad, 4, and Joumana, 7 months– have arrived in Olds.

A contingent of refugee resettlement volunteers of Didsbury and Carstairs welcomed the family at the Calgary International Airport May 5 when they flew in from Frankfurt.

They drove to the family's Canadian home in Olds with Journana sleeping all the way after a long day. The Al Husseins fled the civil war in Syria and

The Al Husseins fled the civil war in Syria and spent several months in refugee camps before being taken into the Canadian program to resettle 25,000 refugees.

"They are no longer refugees, they are now immigrants to Canada," said organizer Phil Heidebrecht.

They will live in Olds where the children will start school shortly and the parents learn the fundamentals of Canadian life with the help of the working group that has befriended them, said Heidebrecht.

Didsbury library wins Punch Jackson Award of Excellence

The Didsbury Municipal Library won the Library Association of Alberta 2016 Punch Jackson Award of Excellence in Library Services April 30 at the association's annual conference.

The Didsbury library won the award for the music and memory program developed by librarian Donna Munro that serves people with memory loss issues.

The award is named for Punch Jackson, the recently retired director of the association.

Carolyn Massel honoured

The principal of Westglen School in Didsbury, Carolyn Massel, has been given an excellence in leadership award from the HEROS Foundation.

Massel was recognized for her work inspiring others and building strong relationships with students, teachers and parents,

Westglen vice -principal Jerry Salmon moves to Raymond High

After three years as vice-principal at Westglen School, Jerry Salmon is moving on to become the vice-principal at Raymond High School.

"Professionally and personally, we will miss his commitment to our school, his love of learning and his sense of humour," Westglen principal Carolyn Massel wrote in Paw Prints school newsletter.

"Westglen's loss is definitely Raymond's gain and we wish Mr. Salmon and his family nothing but the best," she said.

Before coming to Westglen, Salmon was the learning services co-ordinator at Chinook's Edge School Division. He has led the Chinook's Edge Literacy Steering Committee, and his expertise has helped Westglen's reading program.

His other accomplishments at Westglen include introducing new technology and a key role in the Inclusive Education Program.

High school students work to raise funds

The annual Didsbury Student's Union May Monarch Fund drive is set for May 11 to 14, and it gives a special meaning to "working" to raise money.

During the five days students from grades 11 and 12 labour on contract jobs to generate funds to subsidize such worthwhile causes as graduation events, the yearbook, school dances and athletics.

Didsbury High School principal Garth Dagg said there is a friendly competition between the grades to see which one raises the most money. Parents volunteer to drive students to contract jobs and supervise the work.

The work includes brush clearing, rock picking and painting.

Dagg said anyone who wants work done can call the school. A student will call back to arrange the details of the job such as the tools needed, the timing, and whether the person asking for the work prefers students from Grade 11 or Grade 12.

Joy Abounds concert preparations continue Preparations for the May 27 Joy Abounds community concert in Didsbury are gaining momentum.

The musical night at the Zion church will raise emergency funds for Didsbury families and singles affected by job loss and the current economic crisis.

Organizer Cherry Olhauser said May 2 that one feature of the evening, besides the music, will be the sale of the popular Zion church cookies prepared by members of the church and sold in singles, packages and unbaked packages to take home and bake.

Didsbury High School music director Kirk Wassmer will conduct the school's award-winning jazz ensemble. His daughter Emma designed the full-sized concert poster that is now being circulated.





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Coaching field hockey newest chapter of shares lifetime Chinook's Edge plays with Calgary, Red Deer



Lifelong friends and now coaches of the Didsbury Chinook's Edge U-12 and U-14 field hockey teams Chelsea Overwater, left, and Dayna Hadway after the teams' practice May 2 at Westglen School in Didsbury

BY FRANK DABBS MVP Staff

Hadway Overwater live on neighbouring farms south of Didsbury, within sight of each other's homes

They have been close friends since childhood doing things together such as 4-H and ice hockey

This spring Overwater completed her teaching degree from the University of Lethbridge. She did her practicum at Deer Meadow School in Olds.

Hadway works on the family farm that has 8,000 acres under wheat production and has 500 head of cattle.

This year the two women have teamed up to take over the U-12 and U-14 co-educational teams from field hockey guru Jenny Johnson who once coached them.

The team is called Chinook's Edge because players come from Didsbury, Olds, Carstairs and Cremona.

2003 Johnson, then a teacher a Didsbury High School, started the field hockey program in Didsbury. Johnson had been a field hockey star playing on the national team in 20 countries

In 2004 Johnson persuaded Hadway to join the first field hockey team in Didsbury. It wasn't a quick decision.

She played ice hockey and other sports.
"Jenny hounded me for two months before I said yes," Hadway recalled May 3 as she took a few minutes from the team practice.

"It changed my life," Hadway said. Participating in the sport also changed Overwater's life. A serious commitment to field hockey is like that.

Overwater is a year younger. She played volleyball and basketball, but also succumbed to the lure of the sport

Hadway and Overwater played on the high school U-16 and U-18 field hockey teams and for the Alberta provincial team, said grassroots development staff member Wendy Stewart of Field Hockey Alberta, a non-profit sports organization.

Eventually Hadway earned a field hockey scholarship at the University of Prince Edward Island and Overwater went to the University of Missouri, also on a field hockey scholarship.



Field Hockey Alberta grassroots development staff member Wendy Stewart works with Robbie Reed during a drill at a Didsbury Chinook's Edge team practice.



Didsbury Chinook's Edge U-14 field hockey team member Chloe Gardner works on her ball handling skills during a drill at the May 2 practice.

Meanwhile. Johnson moved to Westglen School where she teaches physical education, biology and science and continued the field hockey

This year she wanted to step aside to devote more time to her family. Her sons Gavin, 7, and Alec, 5, have their own interests that require more of her

So Hadway and Overwater were recruited to take over the coaching duties, which they did enthusiastically. "It's giving back," said Hadway.

"l'd hundred per cent rather be playing, but this is something I can do to back

what the field hockey has done for me," echoed Overwater.

Stewart said field hockey at the middle school level has tournaments called festivals - and invitational games

There is a "triangle" of teams in Didsbury, Red Deer and Calgary that play each other. They will play exhibition games and the scheduled festivals this spring for the three communities are in Red Deer on June 4 and Calgary on June 18.

Didsbury has run a festival for five years and in 2016 an invitational "is possible," said Stewart in an interview May 3. There will also be exhibition gmes and the dates for them is to be annouced shortly.

Field hockey is well established in Didsbury and will continue to grow, Stewart said.





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for the Olds Albertan, Innisfail Province, Didsbury Review, Carstairs Courier & Sundre Round Up will be Wednesday, May 18 at 4 p.m.

Opinion

Commentary

Stop the train whistles

BY FRANK DABBS MVP Staff

As Didsbury's economic development turns toward housing development led by the Shantz Village project, one competitive advantage would be eliminating the CPR train whistles

In days gone by, the railway, the railway station and the grain elevators next to the tracks were at the centre of Didsbury's growth as an agriculture service centre

Western Canada didn't have many rivers or lakes with fur trade forts as the seed of a new town or city. The region had railways. Most historic central and southern communities grew up alongside railways

Times have changed. The railways are still vital national and provincial economic arteries, but the milk train doesn't stop in Didsbury any more

The town and the taxpayers will have significant capital costs to improve the level road crossings, fence the railway right-of-way and perhaps make other expenditures to meet Transport Canada standards for whistle cessation.

Perhaps there is money that MP Earl Dreeshen car chase in a new federal program announced April 27 to upgrade thousands of railway level crossings.

As well, the town will have to accept liability that will be covered by insurance that will not be cheap.

These are investments in the town's competitive future that will give Didsbury economic stimulus outside the depressed oil and gas sector.

There are clever people at Didsbury's town hall who know how to generate municipal revenues outside the tax base – less than 50 per cent of the town's annual income is from property taxes.

Financing whistle cessation is a challenge for them,

but not insurmountable

Fair warning that elected officials and citizens ought to be careful of a newspaper editor that – on spends public money

In this case, the Didsbury Review pleads that this is obvious to others as well as to the paper.

It shouldn't take the 1,000 new citizens in Shantz Village to get the train whistles stopped but if it does, good on them.

Years of interrupted sleep of citizens near the tracks, the impact on retail operations and the high-decibel conversations when a train passes through town have been endured long enough

The Shantz Village public hearing April 19 made the cessation of the CPR train whistles a number 1

economic development concern.

The 2016 tax rates set by council April 26 and the ew vacant residential tax give enough wiggle room in Didsbury's careful budget to pay for the costs as council begins to address the matter.

The new tax base that the development of Shantz Village will provide could not be better spent than to help play the capital costs of road crossing improvements and right-of-way safety fencing.

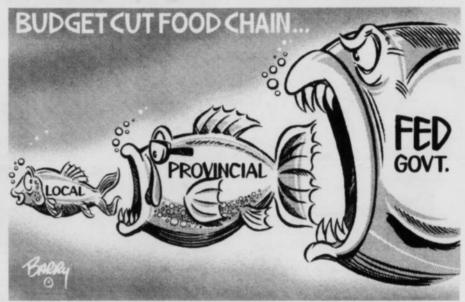
The new vacant residential land tax provides some

wiggle room in the 2016 budget and there was a brief discussion at council April 26 about applying it to an engineering study of the measures needed to upgrade the railway

So do the study and get the facts that will inform the right decision.

Yes the decsion will have costs.

The fiscal benefits for years to come will more than pay for the investment.



Letters

Private schools are good value for taxpayers

As you are probably aware, the issue of whether our government should be funding independent or private schools has again arisen in this province

Independent schools have received a certain level of government funding for almost 50 years because historically, we in Alberta have recognized that parents should have a real choice in the education given to their children as is declared in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

If the government were to provide funds for educational choice within the public system while eliminating funding for other educational alternatives, they would be undermining the intent of this human right, and harming the growth and education of children in the province.

As you read and listen to the debate over the next few weeks, I would like your readers to be aware of three common misconceptions about this issue

The taxpayer is subsidizing private education. eality the opposite is true. While the public In reality the opposite is true. While the public purse may pay up to around \$5,100 towards the education of a student in an independent school, that same child would cost \$13,000 or more in the public school system.

In addition to this, independent schools receive no funding for capital or transports, and no funding towards teacher pensions. This amounts to less than 40 per cent of what a public school student receives. private schools actually save the taxpayer millions of dollars each year.

2. Private schools pick and choose their students.

This is no more true in private schools than in public schools. Any school that is set up to serve the needs of a particular kind of student may accept students based on those needs or educational focus. The vast majority of both public and private schools take the students who apply to attend

 Private schools aren't accountable.

Actually, independent schools meet stringent requirements for oversight. Their students, parents and teachers are surveyed on an annual basis. The schools submit Annual Educational Results Reports and Three Year Plans. They also provide audited financial statements to Alberta Education.

Independent schools are also accountable under the Societies Act of Alberta and are very accountable to their parents.

Their teachers must hold Alberta certification and their students write the same provincial exams as their public school counterparts.

I believe these are important facts for the Alberta taxpayer to be aware of. Independent schools in Alberta are turning out hundreds of responsible citizens every year who are contributing members of society, and by so doing are contributing in a real way to the public good. Therefore, it is reasonable that they receive at least a small share of public funds.

Garry K. Anderson

Local firefighter joined annual stair climb

Last weekend, May 1, our son David Smith participated in the annual Firefighter Stairclimb challenge, where firefighters from all over climb the stairs of the Bow tower to raise awarene support for firefighters and all other citizens living

David is a volunteer with the Didsbury Fire Department and his passion for this career path is absolutely incredible

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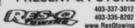
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NPW is celebrated across the country in many different ways. But whatever the focus, the goal is always to raise awareness about the important role these men and women play in keeping our streets as safe as possible every day of the year. It's not easy to be a crime-fighter and police officer. On a daily basis, officers witness the heart-wrenching destitution and violence experienced by the homeless the mentally ill and the substance-addicted. They console the parents of missing children and investigate criminal acts. They see the tough side of life that wears people down and that many lucky people in our cities and towns never really have to deal with. But worst of all, they battle negative public perception in the very streets they patrol.

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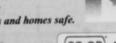
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Two officers in **Carstairs**

Two RCMP officers from the Didsbury detachment dedicate

their time to the Town of Carstairs.

Const. Daniel Bouwmeester became the second enhanced officer for the town in April, joining Const. Mike Dillon.

Carl McDonnell, the town's chief administrative officer, said a second officer provides more police coverage in Carstairs, including evenings and weekends.

'It's just nice to have that extra coverage, especially with all the car prowlings and things that are still going on," said

McDonnell when Bouwmeester signed on.

An influx of young families moving to town prompted town officials to apply for a second officer. The last census showed 3,442 residents living in Carstairs, and once the population hits 5,000, the municipality will have to pay for its own police

The enhanced officer program was formed in Carstairs four vears ago.

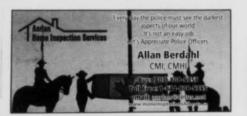
McDonnell said having two officers will allow them to spend more time at Hugh Sutherland School and build relationships with youth in the community, while also increasing police ence in the community.

Dillon is currently running a drug awareness program at the school, which Sheldon Krasniuk, who is the former enhanced officer and now the town's director of protective services, initiated a few years ago.

It's a 10-week program for Grade 6 students called DARE

(Drug Awareness Resistance Education).

Both enhanced officers will be based in the protective services building in Carstairs, and the Didsbury RCMP detachment will be getting a new officer to replace Bouwmeester.





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Police briefs

Two men arrested charged after oilfield break-in

RCMP arrested two campers and charged them in connection with an oilfield site break. enter, theft and mischief near Didsbury

Jacob Glegocinski. 18, and Liam Dalton, 22, both of Calgary, were camping May 1 near a Centrica Energy Canada production facility that was broken into. Thieves stole a microwave and poured battery acid over equipment inside.

A brief investigation led police to a campsite they where Glegocinski and Dalton, said Cpl. Resus Organ regular RCMP the briefing May 5.

After questioning, two were arrested, taken into custody and charged with break and enter to cause mischief over \$5,000, committing mischief over \$5,000 and theft under \$5,000.

They were released and will appear in court to answer to the charges on June 6.

Rural break-ins truck and theft investigated

heavyset man with a shaved head and a black-haired woman stole a truck at the start of a rural crime the morning of spree the morning of May 2 in the vicinity of Twp. Rd. 310 and Rge Rd. 14.

The lawbreakers nabbed a dark brown 1981 Chevy C100 with Alberta licence plate KAE 907 and were preparing to loot a Quonset when they apparently were scared off, leaving behind a stack of valuables from the hut, said Cpl. Organ.

Shortly afterward they broke into a garage afterward house and had and stolen some tools when the owner returned home and they fled. The homeowner chased them for a short distance before they escaped.

The same morning same truck was parked outside residence the on Westcott Road when returned. She spoke to the man and woman in the truck and they claimed to be looking for gasoline.

She a quantity of fuel and they left. After they had gone it was determined that the pair had gone through the house and garage. It appeared that nothing had been stolen, Cpl. Organ said.



AROUND OWN FOR MAY 10, 2016

May 11. Parkinson Alberta Support Group meets the 2nd Wednesday at Sunrise Village, 5600 Sunrise Cr. in Olds from 1:30 to 3:30. Everyone welcome. For more info cali Moira 403 346-4463.

May 11. Cleaning of Cemetery Headstones will be held on May 11 at 1 PM. Please come and give the Students of Didsbury High School a hand. Contact Diana 335-3445 for details. Sponsored by Heartland Funeral Services Ltd.

May 17. Parkinson Alberta Caregivers support group meets the 3rd Tuesday at Sunrise Village, 5600 Sunrise Cr. Olds from 2 to 3:30. Contact Karen 403 507-8112 for more info. Everyone welcome.

May 18. Caring Arms ~ Monthly Pregnancy Loss Support Group. Breavement support through the journey of Pregnancy & Childbirth loss. Third Wednesday Morning of each Month Olds Central Alberta Pregnancy Care Center. Contact 587-796-1611 or olds@pregnancycare.ca. Hosted by Christa Duquette, Bereavement & Birth Doula. ww.clddoula.com

May 25, Coffee and Conversation at the Museum from 1 to 3:30 pm - Diane Anderson from Tymac Studios in Cremona will be here to tell us about her wonderful bronze statues and her paintings. Diane work is world acclaimed and we are pleased to announce that she will be sharing some of her work with us at a later date when she will be our featured artist with our Elements

May 28. Save the Date! Didsbury Library 2nd Annual Novel Affair fundraiser. Dinner parties, dessert reception, silent auction. Saturday, May 28 from 6 to 11 pm. Tickets \$50 per person. Choose your dinner party theme from the following titles: "The Night Circus", "A History of Tractors in Ukrainian", "MaddAddam Trilogy", "The Bar U Ranch". (Purchase your tickets at the Library - Credit cards accepted)

June 8. DHS Year End Jazz Concert Wed., June 8th, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Trans Canada Theatre in Olds Admission by donation. Contact: Mr. Wassmer @ 403 335 3356

June 9. DHS Year End Band Concert. Thursday, June 9 at 7:00.Host: DHS - Concert Band at Trans Canada Theatre in Olds. Admission by donation. Contact: Mr. Wassmer @ 403 335 3356

Central Alberta Pregnancy Care Centre in Olds is open 10:00-5:00 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. Call:587-796-1611 or email olds@pregnancycare.ca. NEW service, clothing boutique for maternity clothes and newborn to 2 years of age FREE.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW ARTS SOCIETY - for lovers of art, culture and heritage of Didsbury & Mountain View County. Info at www.mountainviewartsociety.ca or call 403-335-9445.

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Alberta Agriculture and Forestry Map
The forest fire danger in Alberta on May 4. Major changes in precipitation and wind may mitigate the danger, however the province faces a significant risk of wildfires because of dry conditions on the forest floor. This will lessen when the deciduous

Didsbury U-16/18 boys in first place

U-18 girls tied for second in the standings

BY FRANK DABBS

MVP Staff

The Didsbury U-16/18 boys soccer team holds first place in the Big Country Soccer Association with three wins, 11 goals scored and two goals allowed.

Last week the team beat Cremona on May 2 by a score of 5-0 and defeated Carstairs on

The U-18 Didsbury girls are in a three-way tie for second place with Olds and Acme after winning two games and losing one. The team has scored six goals and has five goals against

On May 3 the team defeated Olds one to nil

The Didsbury U-14 boys team is in a three way tie with Olds and Linden for second place with two wins and one tie. The team has scored 16 goals and allowed 13.

The U-12 girls are in fourth place in their division standings with one point garnered from a 0-0 tie May 2 with Carstairs. The team has one loss, six goals allowed and two goals scored.

The U-12 boys are in last place in the west division with two losses in two games. Carstairs shut them out by 5-0 on May 4.

Didsbury Marketplace

DAHL, Elsie 1922 - 2016

April 30, 2016 in Didsbury's Bethany Care Centre at the age of 93. She was born in a Mennonite settlement in what was then becoming the Soviet Union, the oldest of five children born to Gerhard and Katherina Dahl, and the only one of they emigrated to Canada the

following year. They lived in Namaka, Alberta for a short time before they settled in the Burns' Ranch area with other Mennonite families who began farming the subdivided ranch land. Elsie attended the Mona School, east of Didsbury, and then the high school in Didsbury. Following her graduation, she was entered teacher training in Calgary. It was wartime and new female trainees were often quickly assigned schools as many of the men had gone off to Europe. She taught for several years in central Alberta country schools until she married Cornelius Peters in 1944 and began farm life with him on land just two miles west of where she had grown up. Corny died suddenly one year after their marriage, leaving Elsie widowed and expecting their first child. Elsie returned to teaching for several years after that at the school where she herself had been a student. In 1948, Elsie married Jake Dahl and they continued to farm the same land, acquiring adjacent property in the years following. Three more children were born to the couple After four decades of farming, they retired to Didsbury, where they continued busy lives in retirement. Remembering her are her children. Carrie (husband Kevin), Dennis (wife, Elaine), Connie (husband, Ivan) and Roy (partner, Paul); grandchildren, Cameron Peters (wife, Yvette), Joanne Lenton (husband, Blair), Kari Petzold (husband, Mark), Kim Cruson (husband, Brian), Lisa Harman (husband, Gavin), and Nathan Dahl; great grandchildren, Ava, Olivia, and Isla Peters, Mackenzie and Connor Lenton, Nial Petzold, Claire and Kathleen Cruson, and Elsie and Erica Harm Also remembering her are her sisters, Hella Harde (husband, Jake), Hedy Thurn (husband, Alfred) and her brother, Ralph Dahl (wife, Rita). Elsie is predeceased by her parents; her husbands; Corny and Jake; and her sister, Susan. A Memorial Service was held at Bergthal Mennonite Church, Didsbury, AB on Monday May 9, 2016 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations May 9, 2016 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Elsie's memory to the M.C.C., Alberta, #210, 2946 - 32 Street NE.Calgary, AB, T1Y 6J7. Messages of condolence may be left for the family at



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